Hooks for Expository

1. **Interesting description.** They come in all shapes and sizes; cats are a man’s true best friend.
2. **The past in the present.** It is April 10, 1912. The Titanic is going to travel all the way to England from America.
3. **Main Idea.** The beach is a beautiful, serene place to be.
4. **Something interesting to come.** Gas stations will soon be a thing of the past. Here comes the future!
5. **Reveal something unusual.** Some cats are born with thumbs.
6. **An unsettling description.** A flash of lightening illuminates the harsh emptiness of the night. In an orphanage, children cry mournfully. They are starving.
7. **Unusual image of a character.** George Washington, the first President of the United States, had more wooden teeth than real teeth.
8. **Anecdote (relevant story).** On a dark December night in 1776, as he led a barefoot brigade of ragged revolutionaries across the icy Delaware River, George Washington said, “Shift your fat behind, Harry. But slowly or you’ll swamp the darn boat.”
9. **Describe the setting.** The crowd looked on in awe. Shrieks and wails could be heard from the thousands. Babies and toddlers shrilled with worry and discomfort. The swarm of people, a mix of every race, religion, and life-style, came together for one thing; to mourn the fall of the Twin Towers.
10. **Startling statement.** A great crime was committed against a people in 1942. This was the signing of Executive Order 9006 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which called for the eviction and internment of all Japanese Americans.
11. **Thesis.** Education is the key element in developing the skills necessary for a successful life.
12. **A saying.** “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”
13. **A percentage/data/fact.** 75% of students who grew up in a religious home will become atheists by the time they graduate college.
14. **Strong persuasive statement.** Every student who cares about freedom should know about Paul Revere.